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Fiftieth Anniversary.

Joseph Kirtley Robertson and Miss Griselle Dameron were married at Salisbury Oct. 27, 1868 and in commemoration of the happy event, celebrated their golden wedding at their cosy home in this city Sunday.

Owing to the weather many were not permitted to be present but as it was relatives and friends to a goodly number assembled and made the day one long to be remembered by the worthy and devoted couple.

Uncle Joe had been sick with flu a few days before, but was on hand with reminiscent hilarity and a seldom backward appetite and the way he discussed choice portions of the two big turkeys and trimmings etc. banished all thots of his recent indisposition from his and the mind of all, and Mrs. Robertson enjoyed to the fullest happy memories and the presence of her offspring and friends and her husbands complacency.

The dinner was a great one, prepared in the always good old style and lavishly bountiful and at the tables lingered healthy and hearty guests until capacity was gone.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson and children, John, Bob and Mary Ella of Brunswick Mr. and Mrs. John E. Robertson and daughter Elizabeth of St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Blakeley and son Lorain of north of town; B. F. Dameron of Brunswick; M. L. Jordan of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Rucker and children Ambrose Jr. and Elizabeth, Miss Gertrude Brum-mall, Grover Wilkerson of Salisbury; Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Pearson and Mrs. P. O. O'Bryan of Keytesville.

The Courier extends heartiest congratulations and its best wishes for occasion for another such gathering 50 years hence.

Our Wheat.

Go thru, around or across the county in any direction and see the prospects for wheat then figure on sure enough biscuits once more. There's never was such an acreage in this county nor did the prospects ever appear better for the highest yield. Some of the wheat is rather rank and there is no stock to pasture it down, but if the fly does not get gay with it, there will be no harm done because it more than covers the ground at this time. The later planting is coming along fine and will be out of reach of freezing out unless Boreas descends on us in person.

Much of the wheat hand-sowed is the finest looking of any but may be too thick. Those who planted by hand may have got out of practice and scattered too much, but if it does hit as it promises, there won't be enough room on the ground for the shocks and shockers.

A & N
Y. M. C. A.
With the Colors,
U. S. S. Mo., C. C. A. Ship,
New York

War Relief:
In most kindness I have spent 7 months in service and will spend several more, but I can say that luly boy is old enough and can help Uncle Sam.

Germany is calling every day for peace and Uncle Sam says if they want it to take the white flag and go by it, so the way it looks they are going to do it.

From a sailor,
Ossie Gray Woolridge.

W. H. Thomas arrived last week for a ten days leave of absence from his company. Mrs. Edith Thomas prizes the visit.

In France
Sept. 23, 1918
In a dug out.

Dear Home Folks:

I have a little time to write, but have no paper, so will send another bunch of cards. I have to cut the names off of all these cards but will number all of them and keep record of the places so when I get back I can tell you where they are.

I lost the name of the one card before these, but you can number the first bunch from France No 1 not England as I did not number them.

I got number 9 with Mala's letter in it, but number 7 and 8 have not got to me yet. Also got a letter from Mr. Ingenhousz dated Aug. 10, tell him I will answer soon. How is everyone and what are you driving at? Every thing is as noisy as ever over here.

This is the first chance I have had to write for a long time. Had to put a new magneto on an Ambulance last night took a magneto of a truck and put on the Ambulance, they were the same make of magnetos, but the Ambulance magneto was A. H. T. and the truck magneto was a H. T. Duel and was much larger. I revived it and got it on all O. K. and got to bed about 1:30, the earliest I have had a chance to go to bed for a long time. I have been working nearly night and day and have stayed up so long at times that I could not sleep when I had a chance, but I am standing it fine and I feel good as ever, but at times things are just like a dream after a long shift.

I am now in a dug-out and the German shells are whistling over head and the old guns are roaring. Was on the hill over our dugout this evening watching the Germans shelling over on our side some of them lit in a mile or so of us and we could see them when they hit in a little town near hear. I wish you could see me and my pal mechanic helper tonight.

Our dug-out is about 10x15 feet made of large timbers with a little tunnel connecting to another as large and have to crawl from one to the other and a large door leading out to the trench.

We are each sitting near a small fire that is on the ground in a corner writing to the good old U. S. We both took a good hot bath tonight and did our washing and now have it drying over the fire. Our dug-out would be a good laundry along with our two buckets if we could get rid of all the smoke, but it is a fright. I am now using my bucket for a seat and my gas mask for a writing desk so as to have it ready if old Bill should sent over a few gas shells.

I have a candle for a light mounted on a splinter driven in the wall.

We are not as near the front now as I was a few days ago. I was in eight hundred yards of the trenches for a few days last week at an advanced post and believe me there is lost of noise and plenty to see up there. Lots of sharpnell from our guns fell all around us while at work that was fired at enemy airplanes. Our Company is scattered first here and there, but at present I am with Edwin, he is O. K.

I have been where there was two gas alarms in the last four days, but it did not get as far as us.

Suppose you have the paper I sent you stating that Clifford has been lost in action. Have you heard if he is alive and captured or if he was killed? I never got to see him. Well there are many lives being lost in this awful war. Would like to be there and hear

American and Ally Conference Versailles

President Wilson's Spokesman on Hand and Peace Terms Nearly Formulated, American Propositions Practically Agreeable to Allies

Turkey as Well as Austria Asks Separate Peace—Americans, English and French Advance on Long Front and Capture Thousands—Italians Forcing Enemy Back and Taking Thousands of Prisoners—Americans are Fighting with Italians Now—German People Appear to be Compelling Peace—Abdication of Kaiser on His Own Motion Proffered if for Best Interest of Fatherland.

Col E. M. House, the personal representative of President Wilson is at Paris and it is reported that France is agreeable to President Wilson's views. It is further reported that peace terms will be acted on quickly. Allies all appear in harmony at this time.

Turkey is calling loudly for peace on separate terms and Austria has signified desire for separate peace.

Some rain Saturday night and Sunday, the best in months. Grass and wheat had shown marked improvements since the shower a week ago, but the soaker mentioned will make it what has been desired, especially the late planting.

Lu Hershey of Kansas City has been looking after his farm north of town for several days. He will return home this week.

Mrs. Bessie Wood of Kansas City came last week for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Frank Stowers and friends. It is Mrs. Wood first visit in a long time and her many friends were glad to see her looking so well.

The State Teachers Association has put off its meeting to December 26-28 at St. Louis. It was to have been Nov. 7-9.

Larkin Minor sold a fine calf to butcher Brindley Monday. The calf was born March 1st and was not 8 months old, weighed 720 pounds and was a grade Poll and Shorthorn.

Miss Gertrude Thale arrived Monday morning and resumed her place as principal of high school. She enjoyed the vacation as well as could be expected considering the Flu in her home neighborhood.

Mrs. Lula Gillum had a dose of Flu during her vacation, but shows no deterioration whatever as a result.

B. C. Fowler had word from Shelby county Saturday evening that his mother was quite ill. He left on the first train for her home.

Charlie Herring and son Olie have moved into their dwelling east of the colored Methodist church and will rent the home place.

The new school house near J. J. Hiblers east of Brunswick is a nice structure and shows up well from the road.

Bro. Darby talk. We don't know what church is over hear, but am glad to say the Lord is still my friend and I always expect to be so that I can look for help from Him. Well it is late so must hit my bunk, we hope it will soon be over so we can get back to good old America.

We got our pay today. Hope you get the allotment all O. K. Write often. Love to all.
Mech. W. A. McElvain,
138 Amb. Co. 110 San Train,
A. E. F. Via New York.

Advance along all front and in Italy by Americans and Allies and thousands are made captive and hundreds of big guns and much munitions taken, according to reports.

It is evident that the German people will compel acceptance of the best terms to be had and it is noised about that Kaiser William has said he would step down and out if it is shown that it is for the best interests of his people.

Mrs. Pete Fox is in s Kansas City with Mrs. Dee O'Bannon, who has been ill since the death of her son Steve.

School opened Monday with a nearly full attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sullivan came last Friday for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sullivan west of town.

Believing a report which was put out at Brunswick and this city Thursday last week, we published the demise of Wm. Clavin. Billy had the Flu and his sister died the day before and those who spread the report must have assumed that every one of the Clavin family who took the disease would die. Billy is not on the other side of Jordan, but hauling coal and otherwise preparing for winter. Yes, Billy is here for a long time yet and will live to do what he can to win the war and see that the U. S. predominates in all things.

Mrs. B. C. Fowler and son Marvin left Monday afternoon for Shelby county on word that B. C. Fowler's mother was dangerously ill.

John A. Ryan of Chillicothe was here Monday in connection with the foreclosure sale of the 40 acres next south of Wm. Stevens land on Yellow Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robertson and children of St. Louis were here Sunday for the dinner in celebration of Joe's parents 50th wedding anniversary. Joe returned home Tuesday and Mrs. Robinson will visit awhile.

M. L. Jordan of Chicago was here for the golden wedding event at the home of J. K. Robinson Sunday. He is a relative.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Rucker and children were guests at the golden wedding event at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Robinson Sunday. They returned to Salisbury that afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pearson were special guests at the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. Mrs. J. K. Robinson Sunday.

Miss Irene Gordon, one of the valuable members of the Courier force had a slight tussell with the flu last week.

Some of the finest pecans ever have been and are yet on the market here for sale by pickers and merchants.

Buddy Hundley has about fully recovered from Flu and will likely go to St. Louis this week with his mother.

Germany's Last Note.

Copenhagen, October, 27.—Germany's answer to President Wilson's latest communication says:

The German Government has taken cognizance of the answer of the president of the United States.

The president is aware of the far reaching changes which have been carried out and are being carried out in the German constitutional structure, and that peace negotiations are being conducted by a people's government in whose hands rest, both actually and constitutionally, the power to make the deciding conclusions.

The military powers are also subject to it.

The German Government now awaits proposals for an armistice, which shall be the first step toward a just peace, as the president has described it in his proclamation. (Signed "Solf.")

Miss Catherine Clavin.

On October 19 Miss Catherine Clavin, youngest child of Uncle Billy Clavin deceased and Mrs. Wm. Clavin became a victim of Spanish Influenza after a weeks illness.

Miss Clavins death is the third in the Clavin family in less than a month and several others among the relatives have been more or less ill.

Miss Catherine was born on the family homestead and lived with her parents all her life. For several years she has not been in good health and her weakened physical condition rendered her incapable of successfully combating the terrible disease. She was a favorite in the family and neighborhood and will be greatly missed at her home and among her friends.

Surviving her are brothers, William, George, John and Collie and two sisters, Misses Mary and Elizabeth.

Funeral at St. Raphaels church at Indian Grove, October, 21.

Perverse Men and Women

Some fancy that there will be a scarcity of farmers on account of the war, but the prospects are that there will be more during the war than before or after. Figure all who are trying to evade service by getting a little patch of ground, posting themselves in the center of it and posing like scare-crows and norating around that they are farming and you will see what we mean.

True, the accumulation from this source will no ways near make up for the exodus of real farmers in the matter of production but that is not a consideration with the new brand of agriculturists. Their only purpose is to have ground for exemption, not for raising food products by the sweat of their faces in the fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Latimer Hughes are moving to their farm west of town.

Mr. E. Simmons, head of the Red Cross S. W. division, will speak at Salisbury at 7:30 Nov. 1. He has been on the battle ground and will tell what the Red Cross has done and is doing.

Mrs. Kitty Neighbors of Maginnis shopped here the first of the week. This is Mrs. Neighbors first visit to our city in years.

Miss Leanna Minter is engaged in the editorial department of a newspaper in Oklahoma and likes the work very much.

Joe Charley Martin died in St. Louis Wednesday and will be buried at the city cemetery here today.

Virgil Fox

Virgil Oran, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Fox was born near Mike Aug. 9 1903 and died Oct. 19, 1918 at his home 4 1-2 miles south of Mendon, age 15 years, 2 months and 10 days.

Virgil was stricken with influenza on Thursday Oct. 10, pneumonia developed and the end came four days later at 12:30 p. m.

He leaves to mourn his death besides his father and mother six brothers, Herschell, Bennie, James, John D., Orville and Francis also two sisters, Mrs. Ollie May of Marceline and Dela Mae.

Herschell when last heard from was in England.

Virgil was a dutiful son, a kind and loving brother and will be missed by his loved ones and also by his young companions of which he was a favorite.

He was laid to rest Sunday at 3 p. m. in Locke Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Whitehouse of the Christian church of Mendon, where Virgil attended Sunday school. A Cousin.

Sells Farm.

John B. Hayes of this place has sold his farm, west of Shannondale to John Linneman, of that neighborhood. It consists of 194 acres and is considered one of the best farms of the county. The price was \$150 per acre, or nearly \$29,000 for the place. Possession will be given the 1st of next March.—Press Spectator.

Churches Open Sunday.

The Methodist church will be open again for all regular services Sunday. The pastor will preach at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. and Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

For nearly a month there has been no preaching service in the town. Let all be present to unite in the worship of next Sunday.

Milton C. Davis, Pastor.

Jou ever notice it?

The men of the household will stick doggedly to their coats during fall or spring weather that is uncomfortably hot and on the first cold, damp day will shed them and dart out into the open. Likewise, the women of the house will don sleeveless cook aprons and low shoes and on the first raw day set about doing outside work that you couldn't hire them to do in good weather. Nothing so much as a cold autumn rain will awaken in daughter the determination to make her hat do until spring and the first drops have hardly fallen until she dons her raincoat by way of precaution and starts down town bareheaded. Grandfather enjoys nothing so much as a fine, cold damp October draft through the sitting room and father never wants to go to his work so badly as when he has incipient pneumonia in one lung. The influenza epidemic has served to direct attention afresh to an inborn human perversity.—Tom Bodine.

Mrs. J. D. Cunningham returned to K. City the latter part of last week after several days visit to friends.

Stock water has again become a problem and more ponds have been put in this fall than for several years. Pond water is not good for stock, but it wets and there is far too much dry not to wet up with something tho no better than pond water.

Miss Elsie Keeting came Monday for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Keeting.